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Preliminary: U.S. Imports for Consumption of Steel Products
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The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that preliminary April steel imports were $2.5 billion (3.0 million metric tons) compared to the preliminary March totals of $2.4 billion (3.1 million metric tons).

The April change in steel imports based on metric tonnage reflected increases primarily in oil country goods; galvanized hot dipped sheets and strip; and hot rolled bars. Decreases occurred in reinforcing bars. Increases occurred primarily with Russia, South Africa and Germany. Decreases occurred primarily with Brazil.

The year to date final statistics through March 2017 showed steel imports of 8.1 million metric tons compared with 6.8 million metric tons through March 2016. The largest commodity increases occurred primarily in blooms, billets and slabs; oil country goods; and cold rolled sheets. Decreases occurred primarily in hot rolled sheets, plates cut lengths, and plates in coils. The largest country increases occurred primarily with Russia. Decreases occurred primarily with Australia, France, and China.

Notes:

The data in this report are preliminary and subject to revisions.

Analysis of recent months for steel product imports indicates the value of preliminary data should equal about 96 percent of the final value reported in the regular monthly trade statistics report. Preliminary data reported for individual steel categories and at the individual country of origin level have been less consistently predictive of the final data reported in the regular monthly trade statistics. For further details, visit our web site at www.census.gov/trade. On the website, you can access product by country and country by product tables.

The next release is June 23, 2017.